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Diabetes group calls for congressional hearings on insulin pricing



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The American Diabetes Association [called](#) on Congress to take action to ensure Americans have access to affordable insulin, and requested a hearing on the dramatic rise in cost of the life-saving medicine.

Today's action by the ADA, along with adopting a [resolution](#) and distributing a [petition](#) that calls for increased transparency in the insulin supply chain, is an unusual move for a patient advocacy group. These types of groups have [traditionally been silent](#) in the drug pricing debate due to their ties to the pharma industry — both financially and to ensure new innovative treatments are developed.

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ADA said diabetes patients are being forced to ration their insulin, increasing their risk of life-threatening complications or going without other basic necessities to afford the drug. A recent [Journal of the American Medical Association study](#) found that the cost of insulin has nearly tripled between 2002 and 2013.

Earlier this month, Sen. [Bernie Sanders](#) (I-VT) and Rep. [Elijah Cummings](#) (D-MD) called on the Justice Department and FTC [to investigate](#) potential collusion among drug

companies regarding the cost of insulin, noting that in many instances competing companies raised insulin prices in tandem. They questioned the increase in cost for a treatment for which the original patent expired more than 75 years ago.

This is the second time in recent months that a disease-based advocacy group has taken the bold step of challenging pharma. In late September, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society [called for](#) limits on price increases for older drugs and insurance reforms to make medications more accessible.

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